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For : **EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND EVALUATION SYSTEM,  
EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER-  
READABLE RECORD MEDIUM WITH EQUIPMENT  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STORED THEREIN**

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1. **71** sheets of specification, **25** sheets of claims, and **1** sheet of abstract.
2. **33** sheets of drawings.
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This application is a division of prior application No.  
09/115,354, filed July 14, 1998.
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